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Mr. George Herman
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Dear George,

Infrequently I ask for a transcript of Face the Nation. I may appear to be a hog in now asking for two copies, but if there is the second one to spare, it is for a serious and special purpose.

The reason will take you back to 1970, when I was about to file my first Freedom of Information suit, the one you almost reported (and in which I later got a summary judgement against Justice).

The question of proper classification was addressed by Baker today. He said exactly what I allege in a current (and again totally unreported) suit, so I would appreciate a copy for my lawyer in the event he will want to use it. And so he can have it, whether or not he now uses it.

The other one is for my Watergate files and writing when I resume it.

Here I must commend you and your panel, if my opinion means anything to you or to them. There was no single foolish question and no single unimportant question. All, in fact, were very good questions. You should have informed people as they should be informed.

If you will pardon what in context may seem like an obscenity, that is the name of the game.

I do regret that none of you asked Baker if he is responsible for two of the nastier leaks, the one to the Post attributing Hunt's domestic operations to LBJ (Baker was) and this past week's Jack Anderson column, which also deals with CIA. These leaks were not exactly consistent with what all of you got Baker to say.

Baker is coaling Newcastle when he wants his minority report to be referred to the Symington committee. It knew well enough what it was (not) doing in its own inquiry.

What is the name of that game?

The label is to save a few minutes for your mailers.

Thanks,

Harold Weisberg